Seizure of Fodder Machines by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

•57. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it isf a fact that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently seized 54 Fodder producing machines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that import of these Fodder machines wis in violation ofthe ad-hoc duty exemption order;

(c) if so,what are the details in this regard ; and

(d) what steps have been taken against those who are involved in this case?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (d) The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have in January, 1990 detained 57 Foddei producing machines valued at approximately R6. MX 8 crores on the following grounds.

(i) In respect of 50 machines, the importer M/s. Sanjeevani Fodder Production Pvt. Ltd. had apparently not observed the conditions of the adhoc exmption order under which these machines and their spares had been imported.

(ii) 5 machines were apparently fabricated from the spares imported along with the above fifty machiesin contravention ofthe *adhoc* exemption order and

(iii) No documents were produced showing ilicit import of 2 machines.

A show cause notice has since been issued by the Collector of Customs, Madras on 12-2-90 seeking the recovery of customs duty of about Rs. 3.4 crores leviable on the above machines, confiscation ofthe machines as well as imposition of penalty on the concerned firms/persons.

Export commitment of Pepsi Foods

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W'll the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Financial Express of 10th February, 1990 regarding Pepsi Project ;

(b) if so, whether all the exports through Pepsi World Trade are to be taken into account for the export commitment of Pepsi Foods ; and

(c) what are the items of exports which are likely to go towards ful filling the export commitments?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY *OF* FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) One of the conditions of the Letter of Intent granted to